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Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Discusses Whistleblowing Matters at CIGIE Annual Training Event

(November 14-15, 2018) Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) Michael K. Atkinson provided training on whistleblowing matters as part of the 2018 Annual Assistant Inspectors General for Investigations (AIGI) Annual Training. The event was coordinated by the AIGI Committee for the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). The Committee provides input to the CIGIE Professional Development Committee and the Training Institute on the training and development of the CIGIE investigations community.

On the first day of the two-day event, the ICIG provided an overview of protected disclosures and whistleblower protections in the United States Intelligence Community. He explained the importance of having whistleblowing programs, employee reporting obligations, and the evolution of whistleblowing authorities. He also clarified provisions and processes associated with Presidential Policy Directive 19, reprisals, and External Review Panel requests. Representatives from nine federal agency Offices of Inspectors General also delivered presentations on other relevant topics including national records systems, quality standards for digital forensics, peer reviews, fiscal service programs, and CIGIE issues and updates.

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